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SUBJECT: POPULAR COMMITTEES AND THE

REF: TRIPOLI 0515

1. LAR PRESS, RADIO AND TV APRIL 23 CARRIED BRIEF ITEMS TO EFFECT POPULAR COMMITTEES "TOOK CONTROL" OF AMOCO AND OF PTT. (FBIS M231258 REFERS TO AMOCO, WE ASSUME.) ECON OFFICER DISCUSSED SITUATION APRIL 24 WITH AMOCO PRESIDENT FRENCH AND WITH SENIOR FSL WHO IS FORMER PTT EMPLOYEE.

2. FRENCH SAID THAT: THIRTY-MEMBER TRIPOLI STAFF HAD HELD MEETING APRIL 22 TO ELECT POPULAR COMMITTE. ELECTION WENT OFF SMOOTHLY, WITH LOYAL AND INTELLIGENT SENIOR LOCAL, MUHAMMAD SALEH, TAKING CONTROL. WITH ONE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION, ALL MEMBERS OF AMOCO POPULAR COMMITTEE ARE SERIOUS, LOYAL AND NOT RADICAL. PM JALLUD SAT IN ON MEETING, APPEARED GRATIFIED WITH SMOOTH ELECTION PROCESS. HE EXPLAINED TO COMMITTEE THEIR JOB IS NOT REPEAT NOT TO DERUPT OPERATIONS OF OIL COMPANY PRIMARILY AITO FERRET OUT EMPLOYEES OF COMPANY DISLOYAL TO THE REVOLUTION, AND B) MAKE

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CERTAIN THAT BOOKS AND MAGAZINES IN COMPANY LIBRARY ARE NOT OFFENSIVE TO LIBYAN REVOLUTION OR PRINCIPLES OF ISLAM. BY AFTERNOON OF APRIL 23, AMOCO POPULAR COMMITTEE HAD A) OBTAINED RCC APPROVAL OF ITS MEMBERSHIP; B) PROVIDED RCC WITH MEMORANDUM CONFIRMING LOYALTY OF ALL AMOCO EMPLOYEES; AND C) CERTIFIED THAT ALL BOOKS AND PERIODICALS IN COMPANY LIBRARY CONFORMED TO PRINCIPLES OF REVOLUTION AND ISLAM. FRENCH SAID HE VERY GRATIFIED WITH PROCEEDINGS AND WITH LOYALTY OF AMOCO EMPLOYEES AND ANTICIPATED NO PROBLEMS. HIS SENIOR LOCAL INTERPRETED MEDIA STATEMENTS OUT "TAKEOVER" AT AMOCO AS MEANING COMPANY POPULCOMMITTEE ONE OF FIRST, TOGETHER WITH PTT, TO BE APPROVED BY RCC AND SO PUBLICIZED.

3. EMBASSY FSL, WHO IS FORMER PTT EMPLOYEE, CONFIRMED THIS INTERPRETATION. HE SAID HIS FORMER PTT COLLEAGUES HAD ELECTED COMMITTEE WHICH HAD BEEN APPROVED BY RCC AND RECEIVED COMMENDATION FOR BEING FIRST (TOGETHER WITH AMOCO COMMITTEE) TO ORGANITE AND BE APPROVED BY RCC. JOSIF